

Job Access and Reverse Commute Program Grants JARC

Improving mobility and advancing economic development are strategic goals of the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program Grant (JARC). Job Access funds help improve mobility and economic opportunity for welfare recipients and other low-income people through the provision of new or expanded transportation service. Reverse Commute funds help improve mobility to suburban employment opportunities for the general public, including welfare recipients and low-income individuals

Congress had not yet approved the JARC funding for up-coming year. The program if approved will become a formula program and it is expected that Virginia will receive \$2,876,452 in funding from FTA.

The FY2008 JARC Application should be a completed public transit operator that provides a JARC project description and budget. Eligible projects includes one of the following:

- Late-night and weekend and service
- Guaranteed ride home service
- Expanding fixed-route mass transit routes
- Demand-responsive van service
- Ridesharing and carpooling activities

Federal funding will include cost for capital (80%) and operating (50%).

The Department of Rail and Public Transportation will now Accept Grant Applications electronically through the use of it" OLGA" Web-based grant application system. OLGA can be found at the following web site address: <https://olga.drpt.virginia.gov>. Applications for FTA JARC grant should be done through this web site.

All applications are due no later than February 1, 2007.

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